

FREEHOLD BOROUGH HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2019

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Attendees:

Carol Lida

Gianna Dell'Omo

Jane Fields

Christine Gregory

Claire Morales

Agenda Item 1. 9-11 Memorial Service

Jane presented the committee with a finalized program for the 9-11 Memorial Service. The service will commence at 8:30 a.m. at Borough Hall, and will end at 9:00 a.m. HR members were requested to be present at 8:00 a.m. to assist with service arrangements and hand out programs.

Program to include Prelude by Dan Murphy and Joe Wurtz with bagpipes as attendees gather. Jane will present welcoming remarks, followed by the Presentation of Colors by American Legion Post 54. National Anthem to be led by Carol, with Pledge of Allegiance to follow led by Gianna.

Reverend Jonathan Elsensohn will present the Invocation, followed by pastoral remarks relating to the Significance of Patriot's Day, by Pastor Joey Rozek. Participation in the wreath laying ceremony by Fire Chief Bailey, First Aid Chaplain Olivarius and Police Chief Dispenza, followed by recitation of names of slain Freehold residents by Jane. A moment of silence will be lead into the bell toll. Amazing Grace by Dan Murphy after the ceremony, to be concluded with Mayor Higgins' reflections and Benediction by Pastor Wheble.. Playing of Taps, succeeded by Postlude by Dan Murphy and Joe Wurtz as attendees depart.

Jane forwarded invitations to the Mayor and Council, including Freehold Township Mayor and HR members, as well as mayors of neighboring towns.

Promotion for the service has been posted on the Borough's email blast. A press release will be forwarded to The News Transcript for inclusion in its online edition.

Agenda Item 2. Senior Appreciation Day

Gianna presented a list of over 30 participants to the committee members and entertainment schedule for review. It was decided that Carol would lead the event with God Bless America and invite the attendees to sing along. Committee will secure presence of Flag for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Youth participation in this year's event include the Mariachi Band and Peruvian Dancers, of Freehold. Jenna Sistad, Project Coordinator for the Monmouth County Council for Young Children, organized an inter-generational theme poster contest with Borough youth. Posters will be posted at the event and voted on by attendees. The Council together with Neighborhood Connections to Health will provide 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for the winners. Other prize give-a-ways will include gift certificates from several local businesses, thanks to Sheelagh Zaklukiewicz's efforts. Nestle's donations together with remaining Borough centennial mugs will be used for trivia prizes. .

A Classic Car contest will also take place, with trophies, donated by Crown Trophy of Freehold, awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd "Best in Show" winners.

The Committee will present a framed Certificate of Appreciation to Hudson Manor for its 40 years of service in the Borough, at the September 16th Council meeting.

Promotions have been included in the August Newsletter and are posted via Borough email blast. Promotions are also posted via SeniorAppreciationDay2019 FaceBook page.

Agenda Item 3. HR Pamphlets

HR pamphlets were distributed to the members requesting their input on relevant changes and/or revisions in preparation for reprint. Updated event photos also needed for the pamphlet. Revisions to be discussed in more detail in subsequent meetings, with a goal for reprint in January, 2020.

Agenda Item 4. Candlelight Holiday Walking Tour

Gianna and Annette met with Clergy members of the United Coalition of Greater Freehold in August. A September 25th deadline was set for confirmation of participation by Borough houses of worship, and promotional writeup for each entity. Information gathered will be utilized by the Committee to create a pamphlet, detailing the tour route and historic references for each participant. More details to be finalized at the next Clergy association meeting.

Event is scheduled for Sunday, December 15th, at 4:30 p.m. (dusk) to commence at the Hall of Records.

Agenda Item 5. Ideas/Suggestions/Comments

Carol suggested that the Committee recognize St. Rose of Lima and other parishes whose bell chimes resonate a tone of peace and enlightenment throughout the community, with a Certificate of Appreciation to be presented at the Holiday Walking Tour event.

Members welcome Borough resident, Claire Morales, to HR Committee.

Next Meeting Date: October 1, 2019